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Tom Wheeler , Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am the Mayor of the City of Easthampton, MA, and have always had a good working relationship with the staff from Charter Communications. They are always responsive to the concerns raised by the City, by our citizens and by our community access advocates. As the Issuing Authority for the City, I am writing today to urge you to support the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

Our cable system in Easthampton was upgraded last year, and is now an all-digital network. With more than 200 HD channels, it compares quite favorably with any satellite competitor. Charter has always kept pace with new technology. Today, the City and our residents have access to some of the fastest Internet speeds in the nation and a Charter network that has always been managed in a manner consistent with the net neutrality principles adopted by the FCC earlier this year.

I've reviewed the proposed public benefits that will result from the merger, and I'm looking forward to the New Charter and its commitment to adopt the best practices of each of the three companies. Charter's standard Internet speed of 60 Mbps and its continued commitment to an open Internet should be well received in the new areas the company will be serving. I know we're looking forward to the expansion of the low income Internet service Bright House offers today and the public Wi-Fi hotspots offered in Time Warner service areas today.

I strongly urge you and fellow commissioners to approve the merger. I believe it meets public interest standard and will be good for consumers and businesses here in Easthampton and across the new company's footprint nationwide.

Sincerely,

Karen Cadieux, Mayor